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Judicial Education Committee Meeting October 4, 2002 National City Center, Room 1071

1. Committee Members Present:
Bruce Embrey, (Chair), Ted Boehm, Steve David, Jane Magnus-Stinson, Christopher Burnham, Bob Freese, Barb Collins, Nancy Vaidik, Jim Williams, Mike Witte, Doug Morton.
2. Staff Present:
Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, Anne Jordan, and Jane Seigel, provided staff support.
3. Introduction of new committee members:
Bruce Embrey welcomed new committee members Steve David and Jane Magnus-Stinson. Judge Embrey, upon his retirement, was presented with a gift from the Indiana Judicial Center to acknowledge his work on behalf of judicial education.
4. Minutes:
The minutes from the meeting on June 14 were approved.
5. Subcommittee Reports:
Technology. Chris Burnham reported that the Technology Subcommittee met with Kurt Snyder and a representative of Computer Associates for a brief presentation on portal technology which JTAC will be implementing. Judge Burnham recommended that agendas for all upcoming conferences, such as the pre-bench orientation, be included on the Judicial Center Education web page. Also, the technology subcommittee is interested in sending out an e-mail survey, to see if judges would be interested in a weekly "Judicial Newsletter." The goal is to have all pertinent information in one place, rather than get independent e-mail notices about Case Clips, Supreme Court Rules changes, legislative updates, etc. A draft list of topics was handed out. After some discussion, it was agreed that a survey of this type is not necessary at this time, as judges need information and access to all of the topics suggested. Judge Burnham will draft an e-mail for the Center to send out that will ask judges to submit suggestions to the subcommittee regarding technology/education ideas.
Orientation. Mike Witte reported that the program and faculty for the Pre-Bench orientation, scheduled for December 11-12, is in place. The January orientation program is arranged. There will be a minimum of 18 new judges, and there are 16 incumbents in contested races.

Judicial College. No subcommittee meeting was held. Doug Morton reported that the master's level course at the September conference was a success, and that the next step is to develop a program for April. The goal is to offer 2 master's level courses per year, April and September.

6. Review of September Conference.
Evaluation tallies and comments from the September Annual Meeting were distributed. All felt the September conference in Ft. Wayne was very educational and rewarding. Some general comments included: more downtime was needed; the closing breakfast followed by the closing session was a very good idea.
7. Brief Review of Upcoming Programs in 2002.
 1. **City and Town**, October 10-11. Vicki Davis reported there are 59 conferees registered for the conference.
 2. **Pre-Bench Orientation**, December 11-12. The Center decided to have the pre-bench conference prior to the December Winter conference so that judge-faculty and new judges may attend the Friday program.
 3. **Winter Conference**, December 13. The theme is "Violence in the American Culture," and is a one-day program. Doug Morton asked if part-time juvenile commissioners/referees could also attend, particularly the session about youth and gang violence. It was decided that rather than invite more people, the session will be videotaped and put on the Supreme Court webcast.
8. Program Schedule for 2003.
 1. **General Orientation for new judicial officers**, Jan. 14-17.
 2. **Orientation for new juvenile court judicial officers**, Jan. 23.
 3. **Spring Judicial College**, April 23-25. A handout of proposed topics was provided.
 4. **Graduate Program**. Dates to be determined.
 5. **Annual Meeting of Juvenile Court Judicial Officers**, June 19-20.
 6. **Annual Judicial Conference**, September 10-12, Hyatt Regency, Indianapolis. Consideration being given to a technology focus. It was suggested that we revisit the new jury rules, since they will have been in effect for 9 months.
 7. **Domestic Relations**, November 13-14. The Domestic Relations Committee has suggested an expert on how to value retirement and pension plans in a divorce.
 8. **Winter Conference**, December 12.
9. Looking back – 2001/02 committee.
 1. Scheduling subcommittees in the morning prior to the full committee meeting has allowed for an opportunity to get things accomplished.

2. Is a technology subcommittee still needed, what with JTAC in full operation? Committee members felt that since JTAC is totally immersed in implementation of the statewide system, we need to encourage the use of technology as much as possible. The more reasons that are provided to use the tool, the more the tool will be used.
3. The entire committee addresses curriculum issues, rather than having a separate curriculum committee. All agreed that it was important to keep it this way.

10. Future meetings:

The Judicial Center staff plans to meet soon with incoming chair Earl Penrod and will distribute the schedule for 2003 meetings as soon as possible. There will not be an Education Committee meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted,

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